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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TSUTOMU OKABE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MOORE, KARLA A.  
SERIAL NO: 10/706,977 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 14, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792  
FOR: WAFER PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS HAVING DUST PROOF :  
FUNCTION DO NOT ENTER: /KM/ (04/21/2008)

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.